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WHEREAS by an Act made CHAP.
in the second Year of the Reign V.
of His late Majesty King
George the First, Intituled, An Act for the
real Union and Division of Parishes, and re-
citing,

CHAP. reciting, That Whereas Parishes are in some
V. Parts of this Kingdom so little, that five or six
lye together within a Mile or Two, whereby the
Subjects are like to be much burthened with un-
necessary Charge of Building and Repairing so
many Churches; and the Means also are so small,
that sundry of them will not serve for the Susten-
tation of one Incumbent; and in some Places, Pa-
rishes are so Vast and Extended in Length, that
it is difficult for the Parishioners to Repair to their
Parish Churches, and return Home the same Day;
and many Times so inconveniently Divided, that
the Parishioners of one Parish may with more
Ease and Conveniency Repair to another Parochial
Church than to their own, and all Parties by an indif-
ferent Exchange may be better accommodated;
It is among other Things Enacted, That it shall be
lawful for the Chief Governors of this Kingdom,
with the Assent of the major Part of the Privy Coun-
cil in Council Assembled, Six at least consenting,
and with the Approbation of the Archbishop of the
Province, and the Bishop of the Diocese, Certified
under their Hands and Archiepiscopal and Episco-
pal Seals, with the Consent of the Respective Pa-
trons and Incumbents, Certified under their Hands
and Seals, attested by two Credible Witnesses sub-
scribing thereunto, to divide old Parishes and sepa-
rate any Parish, or Part of a Parish of late
United, and to unite Parishes one to another, or
Part of a Parish to another Parish, or Part of
a Parish in Perpetuity, and to erect such divided
or united Parishes, or Part of Parishes, into
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Georgii Secundi Regis.

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New Parishes, with all Parochial Rights, which Act H A P.
is by a subsequent Act made perpetual. V.

And whereas, in Virtue of the said Act, the Parish of Clonuff, in the Diocese of Dromore, is united in Perpetuity to the Parish of Drumgath in the said Diocese; and the said Parishes of Clonuff and Drumgath, are Made and Constituted one Intire Parish, by the Name of the Parish of Rathfryland,

And whereas by the Number of Inhabitants residing in the said United Parishes of Clonuff and Drumgath, the Cure is too great to be Discharged by one Minister, and the Parochial Church of the said United Parishes is not Large enough for the Convenient Accommodation of the Protestant Parishioners of the said United Parishes, to hear Divine Service, and perform Religious Duties in; as also for that a great Part of the said United Parish of Clonuff, lyeth at too great a Distance from the Parochial Church of the said United Parishes, by which many of the Parishioners of the said Parish of Clonuff, are obliged to Travel Six Miles, to the said Parochial Church of the said United Parishes; the said Parish of Clonuff being near Six Miles in Length, and Six Miles in Breadth.

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And

And whereas, the Proprietors and Parishioners of the said Parish of Clonuff are Willing and Desirous, to Rebuild or Repair the Parish Church of the said Parish of Clonuff, and to Accommodate the Vicar thereof with a sufficient Glebe, at a reasonable Rate.

For Remedy therefore of the said Inconveniencies, and to the End that the Cure of the Souls of the Inhabitants of the said United Parishes may be better Attended and taken Care of, than the same can be by one Person, and the Inhabitants of the said United Parishes, be Encouraged, by the Accommodation they will have for the Worship of God in Publick, frequently and constantly to Resort and Repair to their several Parish Churches, for the due Performance of Religious Duties:

Be it Enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and immediately after the next Avoidance of the said Benefice of the said United Parishes, by Death, Resignation, Cession, or otherwise, the said Union of the said Parishes of
Clonuff

Clonuff and Drumgath, be null and void; C H A P. V.
And the same is hereby Declared thence-
forth to be null and void to all Intents
and Purposes whatsoever; And that the
said Parishes of Clonuff and Drumgath, shall,
from thenceforth, be Deemed, Esteemed,
and Taken as Two Distinct Parishes, and be
Divided and Separated, in such Manner, and
by such Meas and Bounds, as they were
before they were United as aforesaid; And
each of them shall be Separate and Inde-
pendent of the other, and shall each of them,
by Itself, have and enjoy all the Parochial
Rights and Privileges as separate and
distinct Parishes, in as ample Manner, as
they had and enjoyed the same before the
said Union was made; any Thing in the
said recited Act, or in the said Union, to the
contrary, notwithstanding.
